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WHOLE NO. 600

S.F. Labor Is For Roosevelt, 115 to 3

At its first quarterly 1950 convention, held for the purpose of endorsing candidates on the June ballot, the Union Labor Party, San Francisco unit of the LLPE, last Wednesday night voted to recommend to the State LLPE convention in San Francisco, April 17-19, that James Roosevelt be given the AFL endorsement.

The vote was: Roosevelt, 115; Earl Warren, 3.

Roosevelt recently won similar overwhelming endorsement from the Los Angeles branch of LLPE, and other major California city units are following suit. Though advice on statewide candidates is official from only the state LLPE executive board, the voluntary endorsements from Frisco, L.A., and other big cities will no doubt influence the convention.

Helen Gahagan Douglas, backed for U.S. Senator by Los Angeles, Fresno, and the state's Machinists, also was endorsed by San Francisco, receiving 119 votes. Congressman Richard Nixon, Republican candidate, got a great big fat goose egg.

The Frisco ULP, official AFL political unit, also gave the nod to George Miller, Jr., present state senator, for Lieutenant Governor, with 119 votes; and no votes for the incumbent, Knight. S.F. District Attorney Edmund Pat Brown got 88 votes backing for state's attorney general, and the incumbent, Frederick Napoleon Howser, got eight votes.

Workers Begin Monterey School

Construction of the new Monte Vista School in Monterey was started last week by Union workmen, under direction of K. C. McGranahan, Santa Cruz contractor. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Wednesday.

Preliminary work of clearing the ground was being rushed for the project in hope of having the school ready by September. The school building will cost about \$216,000.

Date Not Set For Beginning New Labor Hall

With unexpected delays in preparation of plans holding up the preliminary arrangements for the new Salinas Labor Temple, to be built adjacent to the existing labor temple, start of construction cannot be estimated as yet, according to unofficial spokesmen last week.

Plans were expected to be completed last week in time for reference to contractors for their study and bids. The new building is hoped to be ready for occupancy by Labor Day.

Tentative plans for the new Labor Temple call for a one-story L-shaped structure with a large meeting hall, which will be suitable for dances and parties; a smaller hall, conference room, and office space for some eight unions, plus a general club room.

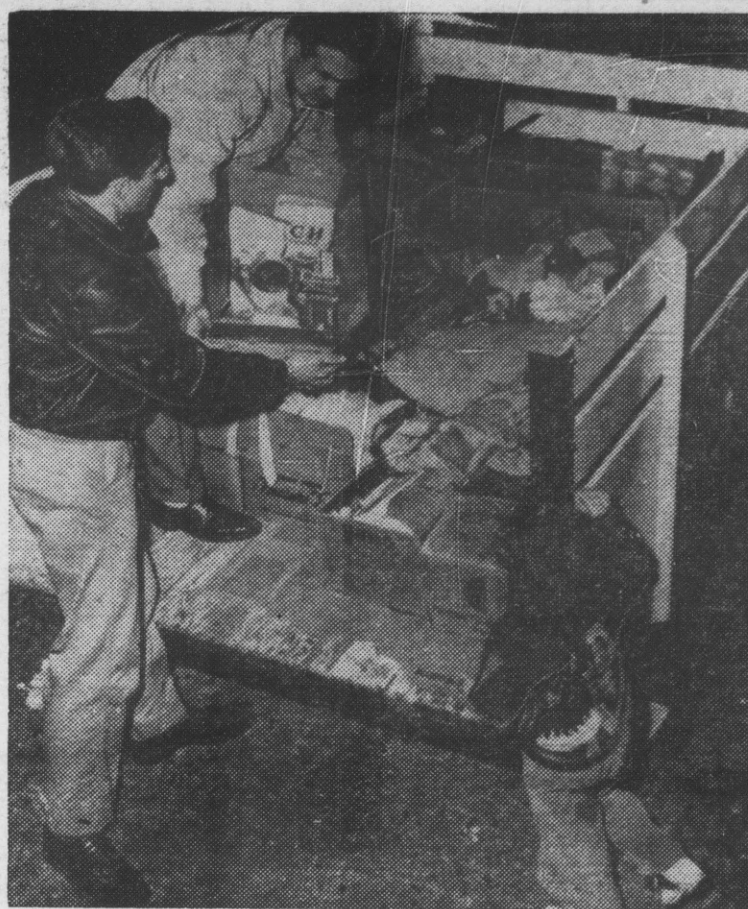
The existing buildings of the present Labor Temple group will have to be moved to make way for the new construction. The Laborers Hall Association owns the present property and will erect the new building.

Crowds Greet Jim Roosevelt

Huge crowds of enthusiastic and cheering residents gathered at the impromptu outdoor talks staged by James Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for Governor, during his tour of the county last week.

Roosevelt spoke at Salinas, Monterey and Seaside, and at various way points. He was honored at receptions at Hotel Cominos in Salinas and at the Mission Ranch, in Carmel, where a huge Democratic gathering attracted some 450 persons.

Accompanying Roosevelt were Marion Walker, Democratic candidate for Congress; George Miller, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, and George L. Rice, Monterey union officials and Democratic candidate for state assembly.



INTERSTATE AID—Little Royette Adler watches Joe Gualtiere and Mike Rubino load a truck with foodstuffs for a migrant labor camp near Phoenix, Ariz., where more than 100 children were found starving recently. The men collected the groceries from their Los Angeles neighbors.

J. B. McGinley On Grand Jury

Labor's representative on the 1950 Grand Jury for Monterey County is J. B. McGinley, who was chosen as a juror last week. The jury was to have a meeting on Monday, at which time members were to be impaneled.

McGinley is business agent for Laborers Union 272 and has been prominent in Salinas labor affairs for nearly 15 years.

Last year's Grand Jury included as labor representative George Harter, then business agent of Carpenters Union 925 and now a contractor.

SALINAS LLPE ENDORSES RICE, MARION WALKER

Two endorsements were voted by the Labor League for Political Education at Salinas on March 24, according to minutes prepared by Secretary Carl Lara of the LLPE.

George Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, was endorsed as a candidate for the State Assembly, in opposition to James Silliman, incumbent.

Marion R. Walker, Ventura rancher, was endorsed as a candidate for U. S. Congress against E. K. Bramblett, Republican incumbent.

Salinas School, Hospital Bids Due

Bids will be opened later this month for two major additions to schools at Salinas and for an addition to the Monterey County Hospital's administration building, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

The three projects and date for bids to be opened are:

Nine-room addition to Santa Lucia School, opening of bids due at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Fourteen-room addition to the El Sausal School, opening of bids due at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

Enlargement of the hospital administration building, including a clinic, reception room and offices, bids to be opened at 10 a.m. Monday, April 24.

Offices Closed On Good Friday

Most offices of AFL unions in this area will be closed from noon to 3 p.m. this Friday, April 7, to allow union officials and employees to attend the Good Friday observances.

Union members should check by telephone to make sure the union offices are open during this period if they expect to transact business at the offices.

Still No Work For Monterey Cannery Row

With no sardines available for the summer pack along Monterey's Cannery Row as of last weekend, there has been no activity in the fish canning plants since the sardine season ended three months ago.

Fish Cannery Workers' Union members have been active at union meetings, however, and have voted to endorse Marion Walker, Democratic candidate for Congress, and elected union President Joe Perry to the California Labor League for Political Education convention in San Francisco April 17-19.

Permanente Shift Being Discussed

Further discussions on the dispute between unions in the Salinas area and Permanente Metals Corp. officials over status of work of moving the Permanente Natividad quarry and installations from one spot to another were scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday of this week in San Jose.

Salinas union officials will attend, as will San Jose union leaders. The unions contend that new construction rates should be paid for this work while the company insists on the maintenance scales.

Business Agent Dinner Meeting Next Saturday

Business agents and secretaries of various AFL unions in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties will gather at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Roma Hotel, First and Main Streets, Watsonville.

Mildred Rowe, secretary of Santa Cruz Culinary-Bartenders Union 345, is chairman of the business agents group, which was formed in Santa Cruz on March 17 and which has adopted the name, "Board of Business Agents of the Monterey Bay Area."

Meetings were set for the second Saturday afternoon of each month on a trial basis, some of the 30-odd officials at the Santa Cruz meeting having expressed preference for Friday evening sessions.

Problems of general interest to the entire area are discussed at these meetings.

Midwest Head Here Accepts Honolulu Job

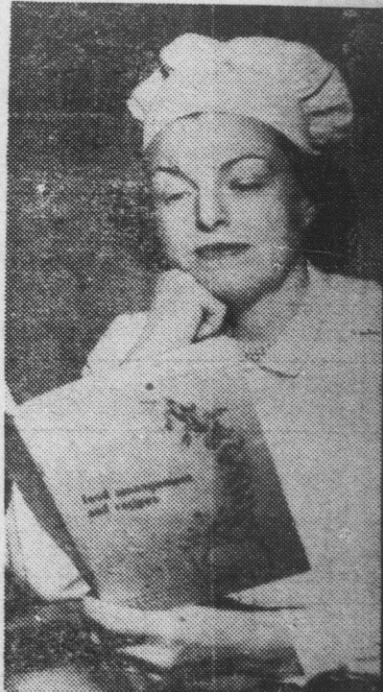
George H. Naunton, member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas, who has been general foreman for the Midwest Construction Co., piping and heating contractors on the PG&E project at Moss Landing, will leave shortly for Honolulu to accept a major position on construction there.

According to information received by Business Manager E. R. Arbuckle of Local 503, Brother Naunton will become pipe superintendent on the Honolulu power-house project.

Baldwin's Son Seriously Hurt

A severe head injury was suffered by Marvin Baldwin, 10-year-old son of Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, last Friday while the lad was playing baseball.

Brother Baldwin said the boy suffered the injury when hit in the forehead by a swinging bat during the game. The injury was not believed to be critical, although painful, he added.



READY FOR ACTION—Appropriately dressed, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.) thumbs through a copy of the government-published cook book, Family Fare. Each congressman has received 3,000 copies for free distribution to constituents on request.



SURPLUS BILLS ON SURPLUS—While food prices remain high, surpluses keep piling up in government warehouses. Here Lorraine Adamson of the House agriculture committee staff displays a mass of bills that lawmakers have introduced on the issue.

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 896 Bellomy Ave., Santa Clara, phone AXminster 6-3625; office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYPress 3-7537.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 416 Monterey St., phone 4-0; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannert, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYPress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 43F5.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Carpenters Hall. Pres., Tom Mill; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716. Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Floyd Hill; Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694W; office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Carl Lara; Sec.-Treas., Garold Miller, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. C. Fitch, Bus. Agt., R. J. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 15th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Bill Gray, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone Market 1-4958; Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6572.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820. Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman F. Kephart, 1439 Avis Court. Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1423 Wirt St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., John I. Warburton, 102 1/2 Conley, phone 3189. Rec. Sec., Peter Greco, 38 Marion, phone 2-1509. Fin. Sec. & Bus. Rep., Carl Lara, 27A McGinley Way, phone 8544; office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Nicholas Christler, 502 Lincoln; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Littvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Elmer W. Gipe, 1236 Circle Dr., phone 6102; Sec., H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec., R. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office at 117 Pajaro St., phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014. Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rte. J, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenbauer, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karach, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9591.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma; Sec., Pester A. Andrade; Bus. Agt. Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

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(LLPE Release)

One of the proposals of the President's health program would help more young persons become doctors.

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Forty-five years ago, 512 more M.D.s were graduated than were graduated in 1949. There were 81 more medical schools then than were in existence last year, and there were 2,477

more students studying medicine.

Yet the American Medical Association keeps screaming that the U.S. has more doctors per capita than any other country. The implication, of course, is that we don't need any more new ones than we've been getting from the medical colleges.

The truth is that the medical brass don't like competition any more than their lobby brothers—the real estate salesmen, the gas dealers and the grocers.

High Food Cost Caused by Profits

Some notes on the high cost of food:

General Foods Corp., which makes Post Toasties among other packaged foods, had a net profit of \$27.4 million in 1949. That's \$2.8 million more than it earned in 1948.

Standard Brands Inc., which sells Maxwell House Coffee, Fleischmann's Yeast and other packaged foods, made a net profit of \$8.2 million last year compared with \$7.3 million in 1948.

And how are the farmers doing? In 1949 their net income was \$13.8 billion—17 per cent less than in 1948.—(LLPE)

An adopted child has all of the rights of a natural heir.

\$17 to \$1

Washington.—Business spends \$17 to labor's \$1 to influence national legislation.

Tell that to the next guy who screams that labor "spends a fortune lobbying."

The figures were given by the top expert on lobbying, Rep. Frank Buchanan, who leads a special House committee investigating lobbying. He said his committee does not plan now to investigate labor or business lobbying.

When reporters kept pressing him on organized labor's activities in behalf of legislation and how much money is spent, Mr. Buchanan said:

"In 1949, business reported that it spent \$8,500,000 to influence legislation before Congress and labor spent \$500,000."

Fed. Labor School in June

(State Fed. Release)

The annual Summer Labor Institute, sponsored jointly by the University of California and the California State Federation of Labor, will be held June 11-17, at the Asilomar Hotel Recreation Grounds, Pacific Grove, it was announced this week by the University.

C. J. Haggerty, Federation secretary, is chairman of the following AFL committee which will advise on curriculum and procedure:

Robert Ash, Oakland; William J. Bassett, Los Angeles; Roy M. Brewer, Hollywood; Harry Finks, Sacramento; Jack Goldberger, San Francisco; Albin J. Gruhn, Eureka; Jack Hogg, San Francisco; Arthur K. Hutchings, Pasadena; George Johns, San Francisco; Louis C. Levy, Los Angeles; Lloyd Mashburn, Los Angeles; Max J. Oslo, San Diego; Thomas L. Pitts, Los Angeles; Howard Reed, Martinez; Jack Reynolds, Oakland; Freda Roberts, Martinez; John M. Sargent, Los Angeles.

Unionists seeking registration data should write to either the University of California at Berkeley or Los Angeles. Communications should be directed to the Institute of Industrial Relations at either school.

Safest Period, Yet—400 Workers Died

Washington.—It was safer to work in manufacturing in the last quarter of 1949 than any time in seven years, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

About 78,000 workers lost one or more days of work because of injuries on the job, the report said—about 7,700 below the previous three months and 26,000 below the same period of 1948.

However, about 400 workers were killed and some 4,700 permanently crippled.

The injured workers lost 1,570,000 man-days and about \$16,000,000 in wages, in addition to their medical expenses and future losses from crippling injuries.

Arouses Voters



Chicago.—Vic Barnes, news-aster for WCFL, Chicago Federation of Labor station, received requests from New York, South Carolina and Texas when he recently offered a schedule of voters' registration dates for Chicago and Cook County. The out-of-town requests were turned over to Labor League for Political Education in those states.

AUTO HINTS

CAUSES OF BLOWOUTS—High speed which causes excessive heat, and overloading which causes flexing, are usually the causes of tire blowouts. Other causes include under-inflation, over-inflation, imbedded objects cutting cord fabric, and hitting curbs or sharp objects.

STEERING ADJUSTMENT—The automobile steering device is so designed that there is less "play" or looseness in the gears when the front wheels are exactly in a straight-ahead position. The reason for this is because most wear occurs at this point; thus excessive looseness at the point most used is avoided. Difficult steering will result if for any reason this factory adjustment is changed.

PUSHING YOUR LUCK—When you push down on the throttle of your car, you are pushing your luck dangerously, warns the California State Automobile Association. For safe driving, always keep your speed so controlled that you can bring your car to a stop quickly in case of emergency.

UNDER-INFLATION—Uneven tire wear or cupping on tread edges is usually caused by under-inflation. Using an accurate tire gauge and checking air pressure at least once each week is advised.

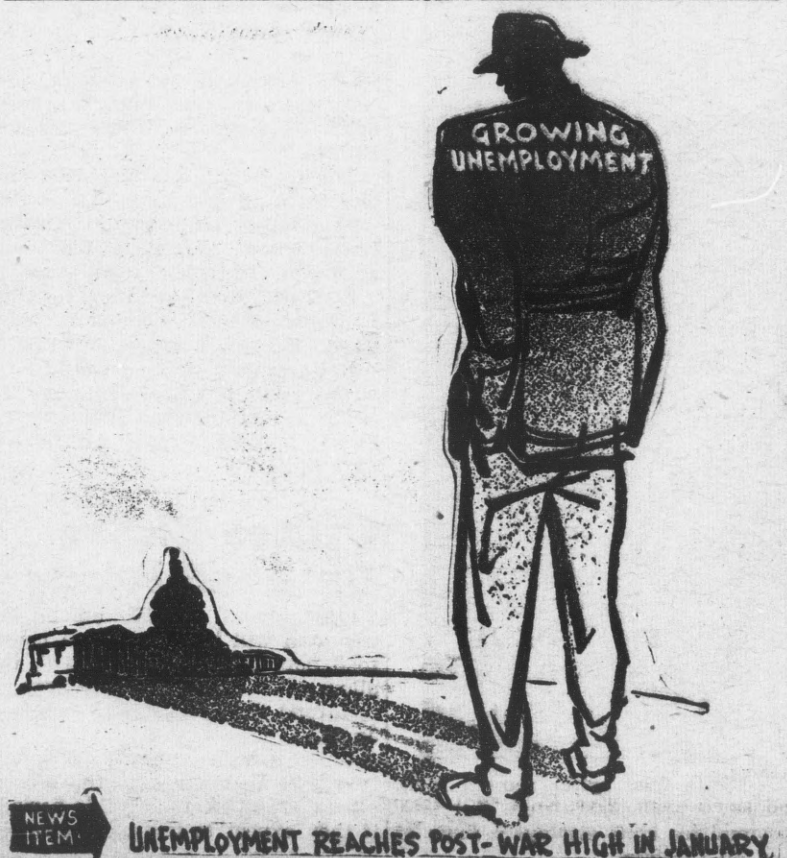
GET RELIABLE SERVICE—One large car manufacturer lists 28 points to be lubricated on an average car that are likely to be overlooked by a careless service man. This is one reason for selecting a reliable service man and giving him the responsibility of lubricating your car at regular intervals.

Real Estate Boys Use Phony Front In Housing Battle

Look out for "Taxpayers' Leagues" which are springing up throughout the nation. They are fronts for local real estate boards. They are being set up to prevent cities from clearing slums and building public housing.

Such a league has just been established in Allentown, Pa. And the Reading (Pa.) New Era reports a similar front about to be organized in that city.

Real estate boards apparently don't like to call themselves by their right names. They try to hide behind fronts.—(LLPE.)



NEWS ITEM

UNEMPLOYMENT REACHES POST-WAR HIGH IN JANUARY

S. Diego Rent Battle Won

(State Fed. Release)

The intense battle of the AFL in San Diego to prevent decontrol of rents was brought to a successful climax last week when the City Council voted down a motion for decontrol. Mayor Harley Knox, home under doctor's care, cast the deciding vote.

The Council action, interpreted as ending the decontrol issue, ended a drive for decontrol launched by the San Diego Apartment Owners' Association and other landlord units.

AFL Central Labor Council officials led the anti-decontrol struggle before the City Council and carried on an educational campaign for the benefit of the general public.

'Increase Old Age Benefits'

(State Fed. Release)

In a statement to the Congress on proposed social security amendments, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin advocated "substantially" increased benefit amounts from old-age and survivors insurance.

During the period since the old-age insurance law was enacted, national income has more than trebled, he said, and "benefit amounts could and should be increased in an amount substantially greater than the increase in the cost of living which has occurred during that period."

"Further increase in the contribution rate would be in order in connection with increased benefits, as recommended by the President in his recent budget message," he continued, "as would an increase in the maximum wage base to \$4,800."

He said that the rise in wage levels since 1939, when the \$3,000 maximum wage base was established, has resulted in the exclusion from taxation and use in benefit computation of part of the wages of a substantial proportion of the workers.

"I recommend that the broader wage base be utilized to liberalize benefits further," Tobin declared. The secretary also emphasized the need for wider coverage and liberalization of eligibility requirements. "In my opinion," he said, "the federal social insurance program should be expanded on a comprehensive basis and all gainfully employed persons, wherever possible and practical, allowed to participate. Old-age security, under federal law, should not depend, as it does now, upon the kind of work an employee performs."

The first non-stop flight from New York to Paris in an airplane was Chas. A. Lindberg, who made the flight in 1927.

CONSTRUCTION

(Condensed from "Daily Pacific Builder")

Modesto elem. school, bids due, \$600,000.

S. F. Marine hosp., bids due May 3, \$3,560,000.

Salinas jr. high, bids due April 27, \$750,000.

Merced Co. hosp., to ask bids, \$1,129,000.

Sacramento county office bldg., 10th and J, drawings, \$350,000.

Arroyo Grande, high school, R. J. Daum Co., Inglewood, \$306,000.

Palo Alto elem. school, bids due Mar. 29, \$150,000.

Fair Oaks school addns., bonds voted, \$272,000.

Alameda, Woodstock elem. school, Pac. Coast Bldrs., \$390,000.

Turlock, gymnasium, bids due April 11, \$270,000.

Yuba City, school bonds voted, \$258,000.

Auburn, Lady of Mercy convent, bids due Apr. 11, \$250,000.

Los Angeles, Cedars of Lebanon hosp., drawings, \$2 million.

Sausalito, subdiv. planned, behind Marinship dormitories, Geo. Kappas, S.F. \$300,000.

Walla Walla, Snake R. bridge, Gen. Cons. Co., Seattle, \$1,244,545.

Central Valley Proj. Friant-Kern canal system, Delano, United Concrete Pipe, \$1,572,639.

S. F. Geary car house, Monson Bros., \$258,883.

Modesto high school, bids due Apr. 17, \$1 million.

Menlo Park high school, bids due April 14, \$1,300,000.

Richmond, S. O. Co. to ask bids this summer on conversion of Ter-mo-for Catalytic Crocking plant, \$5-7,000,000.

San Jose parochial school, bids due March 31, \$200,000.

Columbia Basin Proj., earthwork near Ephrata, J. A. Terteling, Boise, \$464,139.

Central Valley Proj., Madison-Rio Vista transmission line, J. H. McFarland, S.F., \$263,391.

S. F. Lake Merced sewer, sect. "C," M & K Corp., \$372,981.

Arcata, gymnas., Central State Constr. Co., S.F. \$301,900.

San Mateo high sch. aud., ask bids Apr. 1, \$700,000.

Soledad, state medium security prison addns., R. Pedersen & Son, Fresno, \$820,439.

UCLA, law school, R. J. Daum, Inglewood, \$1,020,000.

Sacramento Co. hosp., Lawrence Const. Co., Sacramento, \$1,318,000.

Avenal hosp., bids due April 11, \$300,000.

Modesto, Christian Church, bids due April 19, \$250,000.

Ask Truman, Stalin To Talk on Phone

New York.—A group of World War II veterans announced March 9 they would try to get President Truman and Premier Stalin together on the phone. An international conference telephone call is being arranged between Moscow, Key West and the vets in New York to bring the American and Russian leaders together to make a date for direct talks.

The veterans, members of Duncan-Paris Post 1422 of the American Legion, are chipping in to pay for the phone call, which they estimate will cost about \$100. Post Commander Peter Saltz said: "Everybody wants them to have a meeting, but nobody seems to be doing anything about it. We are going to pay for a 10-minute conference call next Thursday (March 16) and ask them to set a place and date for talks to settle differences which threaten another world war."

The Legion post is made up of former Yank and Stars & Stripes reporters, and service radio, entertainment and education branch veterans. Wires have been sent to Truman and Stalin, inviting them to accept the phone call.

Profits Cause High Cost of Coffee

You will have to pay \$5 more for your coffee this year than last. Why? So the big coffee growers in South America and the large roasters in this country—like General Foods Corp. and A. & P.—can make a lot more profit.

The Pan-American Coffee Bureau has told the Senate Agriculture subcommittee, headed by Guy Gillette (D., Iowa), which is investigating the high cost of food, that the nation's coffee will be \$750 million more this year than in 1949. Last year Americans spent more than \$2 billion on coffee. Per capita coffee consumption amounts to 20 pounds annually.

Testimony before the Gillette subcommittee has shown false reports of a coffee shortage, some of which speculators may have inspired deliberately, caused the big increases in the price of the beverage in the past six months. —(LLPE)

Registration Drive Works in Iowa

Do registration drives work? They sure do.

P. L. Mennen, editor of the Burlington (Iowa) Labor News, reports that AFL trade unionists in that city signed up nearly 1,000 voters in a one-week campaign.

And that was done in a city of only 40,000.

How's your registration drive doing?—(LLPE).

L. A. Wage Cutting

Los Angeles.—Manufacturers in the coat and suit segment of the multi-million-dollar ladies' garment industry disbanded their bargaining association and threatened a "runaway" to other areas in an unsuccessful attempt to force a 25 per cent wage slash. Despite the double-barreled threat, the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) joint coat and suit board, representing 5,000 workers, refused to accept the 25 per cent cut.

309,711 Deer Tags

Sacramento.—There was an all-time record number of deer hunters afield in California during 1949, according to reports from the Division of Fish and Game.

H. R. Dunbar, chief of the Bureau of Licenses, announced an annual sale of 309,711 deer tags, with 986 of the total sold to out-of-state residents. Revenue to the Division amounted to \$318,600.

Passenger car output in February exceeded 380,000 units, well above the February 1949 total.

About eight million families and individuals living alone earned under \$1,000 in 1948.

In Union Circles

George L. Rice, Democratic candidate for Assembly from Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, was in Salinas late last week to file papers for his candidacy.

E. R. Arbuckle, business manager of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas, was in San Francisco last week to assist in preliminary negotiations for a new agreement with Associated General Contractors.

Bernice Redlin, office secretary for General Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas and Monterey County, underwent a tonsillectomy recently but was back on the job late last week.

Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary Alliance 467, will attend the State Culinary-Bartenders Council sessions in San Francisco on Sunday, April 16, and will also attend the State Labor League for Political Education convention there, April 17-19.

Jap Land Law

Los Angeles.—California's alien land law, which for 30 years has barred natives of Japan from owning property in this state, was declared unconstitutional in a precedent-making decision by a trial judge here.

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Carpenters Wait Call to Prison Job at Soledad

Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas was expecting a call to send men to the new \$800,000 project at Soledad, a part of the State's Medium Security Prison there, hoping that the call might be sufficient to help take up the unemployment slack in the union.

Harvey Baldwin, union business agent, said R. Peterson and Son, Fresno contractors who will erect the prison addition, were expected to call for carpenters this week. The union has more than enough members to supply any expected call for men.

The bulbous onion and its numerous relatives—garlic, leek, chive, etc.—belong to the lily family.

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SIGHT FOR SICK EYES—Blind since birth, 2-year-old Gail Heyn reaches for her image in a mirror held by her mother in their Des Moines, Ia., home. Sight came after a cataract was removed from her right eye. A similar operation is planned on the left one shortly.

EDITORIALS

POLITICAL OPINION FORMING

That indefinable something, quite generally designated as public opinion, is quietly forming throughout the state of California with reference to our coming state and national elections. The first round takes place June 6th at the primary, when candidates for national, state and county officials will be dominated for the general election to be held in November of this year.

For the first time in many years the political battle this year will be fought out with lines sharply drawn between the Democratic party on one side and the Republican party on the other. Leading the Democrats, as candidate for governor, will be James Roosevelt, eldest son of our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, while Earl Warren, present governor of California, who was defeated as the candidate of the Republican party for vice president in 1948, in both this state and in the nation as a whole, will lead the forces of the Republicans.

During recent days there has been evident an exceptionally strong trend towards James Roosevelt among the Democrats and the union labor forces of the state. In Los Angeles and San Francisco endorsements have been given by delegated bodies of labor with such one-sided votes in favor of James Roosevelt for governor that there seems no mistaking the way the political winds are blowing. In the same way leading Democrats, who ordinarily remain neutral till after the primary, have already come out strongly in favor of James Roosevelt for governor. All this indicates that a red-hot political fight is forming.

TOO MANY LAWS

Legislation in California has multiplied until the number of our statute laws has become so large that no lawyer living can possibly keep pace with the enormous mass of legislation, which is enacted at every legislative session of our legislature. Most of this legislation consists of special laws with no other purpose than to supply a comparative few individuals with special privileges that enable them to take unfair advantage of their fellowmen.

If at least 90 percent of these special laws were repealed the great masses of our people would be immensely benefited. But instead of electing lawmakers in California, who are for repealing these unjust and harmful laws our people have been sending lawmakers to Sacramento, who proceed to pile on additional burdensome legislation in every new session of the legislature, while the enormous mass of old special laws are permitted to remain in force.

Let us blame ourselves for the kind of lawmakers we have been electing. As long as we kept on paying them only \$100 a month it was very difficult to get faithful men and women who were devoted to the best interests of our people. Instead too many of the lawmakers of the past usually served some special interests with axes of their own to grind. Since honest people could not live on \$100 a month few could not afford to serve.

Now that the salaries of these lawmakers have been increased to \$300 a month it should be possible to elect a better type of lawmaker for our future sessions of the state legislature. We need men and women in our legislature, who will take the necessary steps to eliminate law-created burdens, under which our citizens are groaning today. We need more general welfare laws and fewer special privilege laws.

POLITICS AND PARTIES

Since the workers consume the largest bulk of the food stuffs produced by farmers the prosperity of the latter leans heavily on the buying power of labor. For this reason workers and farmers should vote together in elections instead of being split on bogus issues. What is important is that workers and farmers work together politically instead of letting themselves be carried away from the real, vital issues of the day by professional politicians, whose sole purpose is to help place the tools of big business in dominant control.

It matters very little what a political party is called. What makes all the difference in the world is who controls it. Today big business has almost complete control of the Republican party, while the considerable gains that have been won for labor and the farmers during the past eighteen years have been won mostly through the Democratic party. If the Democratic party ceases to give farmers and labor a fair deal then these two great groups of working producers must seek relief in some other party.

Rich Ignore Worst Evil—Unemployment Want Jobs Not Charity!

By C. S. BERNSTEIN and J. J. TAHANEY
(in the Baltimore Labor Herald)

Your two writers believe a movement should be started which will have for its purpose full employment, fuller employment and fullest employment. We are greatly disturbed over the fact that the Maryland Legislature met and adjourned without doing anything to aid the jobless, and that the General Assembly did not even discuss or consider the problem of employment.

We continue to be disturbed over the attitude of the Federal Congress which is attempting to belittle the menace, and to plan aids to employment on a basis so picayunish as to make bad matters worse.

In our humble way your two writers are trying to bring to the attention of the people the great need for every employer and every employee to attempt to work out within the framework of the free enterprise system some way in which everyone may contribute something to help destroy Public Enemy No. 1—unemployment.

IDLENESS DANGEROUS

We intend to recall to the minds of our readers many facts which they, themselves, know; and to try to show that the problem can be solved by the use of common sense and honesty of intentions.

For instance, today we repeat an old saw: "The devil finds mischief for idle hands to do." Everyone knows the truth of it. It is not necessary for us to prove that truth, but it is necessary to direct the attention of those who are not idle to the fact that there are many thousands of idle hands upon which the devil is working his wiles; and he is finding work for those idle hands.

If the well-to-do will just stop to reason things out, and to consider the problems of others as well as their own, they will understand that when we have 165,000 men and women in Maryland, anxious and willing to work, and they are jobless; that the devil is in high glee because he has 165,000 pairs of hands to put to work for the kingdom of hell.

The man who has been born with a silver spoon in his mouth will have a hard time understanding what thoughts course through the heads of unemployed workers. The worker does not have to be penniless in order to be in a frame of mind where he is drinking deep of the dregs. The worker who is able and willing to share his burden on life's highway does not want charity. He wants opportunity. And, he cannot find opportunity in the ranks of the jobless.

The worker who has diligently applied himself to his work, has married, has acquired a home which he is trying to clear of a mortgage, who has children who look to him for guidance and protection, who is animated by a fierce desire to maintain his own home, and who has been laid off, and who has exhausted his unemployment insurance benefits, comes now to the point where the Maryland Legislature says to him that because he has been thrifty and saving, he is to be penalized, but that those who are paupers, who are penniless, will be helped and aided by the Welfare Department.

WORKER'S ANGUISH

When the worker sees his home, which he sacrificed so much to acquire, sold over his head, and he turns to the statesmen of the Democratic Party and to the statesmen of the Republican Party, and they tell him he must become a pauper before they will even notice him, and when the Communists come along and say they have been telling him this for years, we wonder how many will condemn him if he opens his ears and his heart to the Commies.

The mental anguish which comes to the family of the worker when the breadwinner ceases to bring in the contents of a pay envelope so necessary to prevent the family

from becoming degraded to the level of paupers, is a suffering so acute that only those who have been through it will ever understand the condition of the minds of such people. And—it is all so unnecessary. It can be remedied.

There are those who may sneer and who may jeer at the thought that a weekly paper the size of the Labor Herald, or its writers, will be able to advocate better ideas than the great statesmen of Maryland and the nation. They will say we are a bit swell-headed.

ONLY ONE CURE

We might say that we do not intend to advocate new ideas. We shall not repeat the science of the experts which has so miserably failed. We do not intend to take a simple problem, and like the experts, make it so complex that no one can understand it. We shall repeat the obvious. For instance, we shall reiterate that there is only one cure for unemployment, and that is employment. We shall seek to abolish idleness by putting the idle to work lest the devil do it first.

We shall not bury our heads in the sand and say there is no idleness. We shall open our columns, and the Labor Herald will put itself at the disposal of all who honestly seek to increase employment.

We sound a note of warning. The doctrines and the isms peddled by the Communists cannot be dismissed by a shrug of the shoulders. Nor shall revolution be prevented by the Ober Law. No law can, or will be worth the paper upon which it is written unless it has the support of the people. It will be our task to try to turn the thoughts of the unemployed away from false doctrines, and to direct the thoughts of employers within the free enterprise system to ways in which the employment situation can be improved.

Ban Stands

Washington—The Supreme Court has refused for a second time to interfere with a court ruling that hiring halls for seamen as now conducted are illegal under the Taft-Hartley law.

Seamen's unions have indicated that they will defy any attempt to abolish the hiring hall procedure for employing ship crews. The AFL is working for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and its prohibitions on hiring halls, closed and union shops.

Bits Of Humor

He's the kind of guy that has the first dollar he ever owed.

About the only fellow who doesn't complain about back-seat drivers is a hearse chauffeur.

Little Willie from his mirror
Licked the mercury right off,
Thinking in his childish error,
It would cure the whooping
cough.

At the funeral, his mother
Smartly said to Mrs. Brown:
"Twas a chilly day for Willie
When the mercury went down."

Old Lady: "I think it's wonderful how the filling station people know just where to set up pumps and get gasoline."

Five-Year-Old: "What's your last name?"

Six-Year-Old Girl: "I don't know yet. I'm not married."

Man is that peculiar animal who gets many a hearty laugh out of an old family album and then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin.

The stork is a bird with enormous bill
That carries babies o'er valley and hill.
Then when the doctor is finally through
We learn that he has enormous bills, too.

A Hollywood movie actress bawled out the studio photographer about her new "stills."

"These are simply terrible," she screamed, "and I can't understand it. The last pictures you took of me were heavenly."

"But you must remember," replied the cameraman, "that I was eight years younger then."

Little Johnny was asked to describe a bolt and nut and turned in this gem:

"A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is just like a bolt only opposite, being a hole in a little square bunch of iron sawed off short, with wrinkles around inside the hole."

Are Ship Subsidies Welfare Activities?

Are American shipbuilders and operators a bunch of "Socialists"?

The question is asked because the U. S. Maritime Commission is seeking \$58 million from Congress to subsidize ship operators during the year beginning July 1. That's more than double this year's \$25-million ship subsidy.

Ship subsidies are necessary to the well-being of America. But why doesn't big business ever mention such subsidies as this when it decries the "welfare state"?

—(LLPE)

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For Women Only

By POLLY EDISON (for LLPE)

COUNTING NOSES

Women will supply about three-fourths of the information collected during the country's big national census being taken this month. They are more apt to be at home when the enumerator calls and also they usually know family statistics better.

It will help a lot this time, says a Census Bureau man we know, if they:

1. Remember to count the baby in. (He says babies get left off the census rolls more than anyone else. Next to them, unmarried men living away from home get skipped most.)
2. Invite the census taker in and give him a place to write. This is not required by law, but it helps get the record straight.
3. Check the enumerator's identification card before giving information. The census is personal. Also confidential. And the world is full of poll takers these days.
4. Spell names of family correctly and get other facts accurate, including ages. Women still find it difficult to say how old they are. Every census so far, many of them have given wrong ages and tried to make corrections by telephone or in writing. We are sorry to report that this rarely, if ever, works. The records stay as written.
5. Remember that census records are even more important for the future than at the moment. Your great-grandchildren may need yours for any number of things. Including the inheritance of property.

WHY CENSUS MAN COMES

It's old-fashioned to take the census by door-to-door methods just as has been true since 1790. But nobody has come up with a better way. It was thought the 1950 figures could be collected by mail, but tests last year showed that only about half the people receiving blanks by mail bothered to return them.

SACRED RUBBISH

Americans move more often than any other people. Only one child in fifteen has lived in the same house ever since he was born. Yet children need a sense of belonging and of stability in the family group.

Thoughtful parents can smooth the way emotionally by explaining why the moves are made and letting the children in on the planning. Also by holding onto some of the so-called "junk" which makes moving a chore. Such as old school books, framed pictures they may feel they never want to see again, worn old chairs, useless stamp collections. Anything which makes the new home seem the same and the family a continuing unit.

FARMS AND FOOD

Although they overlap at times, the country's farm problem and the country's food problem are two separate things. The Brannan plan is the first proposal for treating them separately. It would guarantee the farmer his minimum wage and at the same time take the Government out of the food business.

The food part of the present farm program has never been right, either from the moral viewpoint or economically. The school lunch program is the only good thing to come out of it—and that was backed into from the wrong end. It started because the Government wanted to get rid of food surpluses and not because Congress felt any desire to insure the children of America a hot lunch. It worked because school lunches make sense and thousands of volunteers in thousands of communities pitched in and made it work.

Billions of eggs stored in a Kansas cave—put there at taxpayer expense—don't make sense. And never will. Regardless of the reason for putting them there.

LOOKING FORWARD

By JAMES ROOSEVELT

People outside California are usually baffled by our state's peculiar cross-filing law. But this practice has contributed more than any other California political procedure to the control of the State Legislature by special interest lobbyists.

What is this cross-filing? In a word, it is a law which permits a candidate for office to run as both a Democrat and a Republican at the same time.

When cross-filing became a law, some 40 years ago, it was praised as a means by which special interest control of California politics could be broken.

It was charged in the 1910 campaign that the Southern Pacific, through its corrupt influence over political conventions, dictated which candidates would be placed on the ballot by the parties, and what the party platforms would say.

The Southern Pacific was beaten, and, during the next session of the Legislature, most of California's present progressive labor, conservation and political reform laws—including cross-filing—were passed.

CROSS-FILING WRONG

But cross-filing has proved to be a mistake.

Instead of removing the corrupt influence of special interests from California politics by allowing candidates to be elected on their own merits, cross-filing has merely caused the special interests to shift their pressure from party conventions to individual candidates and office-holders.

One lobbyist, Arthur H. Samish, has claimed more power than the Governor over the Legislature—and the Governor has publicly admitted the truth of the remark!

Through cross-filing it is possible for a candidate to capture both party nominations and be elected in the primary election. If he is a Republican, how can he work for the objectives of the Republican and the Democratic platforms at the same time? The answer is that he cannot.

During his campaign, various special interests are more than happy to "help out" with financial support—on the basis of an understanding regarding matters which the particular interest wants resolved in a particular way.

RULE BY LOBBIES

After the election, it too often happens that an office-holder who has won both party nominations feels no responsibility to either party which placed him in office.

Legislation must be passed. The state of California is growing and developing and changing almost every hour. So, in the absence of any party program, special interest or lobby pressure gets the legislative ball rolling. And too many of the office-holders are sensitive to the pressure exerted by lobbyists for special interests which have "helped out" in the past.

It is frightening to realize that a lobby control bill now under consideration in Sacramento is said to have been actually written by a lobbyist. The charge has not been denied.

It may shock some readers of this column to find out that I have cross-filed in my campaign for Governor. My decision to do so was forced by the knowledge that not to do so would be to provide my opponent with a distinct advantage.

Cross-filing, however undemocratic, is one of the rules of our political game. Not to take advantage of appearing on both major party ballots would be like stepping into a boxing ring with one hand tied behind my back.

My campaign will reach thousands upon thousands of nominal Republicans as well as the Democratic voters of California. Since our political parties have been weakened by cross-filing, many voters have little partisan feeling. If they like the things a candidate stands for, they vote for him regardless of party. Until our parties are strengthened through the abolition of cross-filing, the independent voters must not be deprived of the chance of voting for whom they please.

But in office or out of it, I in-

California AFL News Roundup

SPRING MEETINGS—N. Cal. Dist. Council of Plasterers in San Mateo Saturday, Mar. 25. . . N. Cal. Sheet Metal Wkrs. Council at union hall in Frisco on Apr. 15. . . Calif. Pipe Trades Council in Sacramento Apr. 21-23. . . Teamsters political caucus in Fresno, Tues., Apr. 4. . . Cal. Council of Culinary Wkrs. and Bartenders in L. A. Apr. 14, with a pre-LLPE caucus in Frisco Apr. 16. . . State Painters meet in San Jose Apr. 14-16. Keen interest in coming elections, in back of these meetings.

POLITICS GET HOT—As dates for convention, registering, voting draw near. Cal. LLPE meets in Frisco Apr. 17-19,



J. KEENAN

with Joe Keenan, chairman of the U. S. LLPE as keynote talker. Much interest, big attendance. S.F. branch of the state unit last week voted to recommend statewide backing of J. Roosevelt, Helen Douglas, Geo. Miller, Jr., and Pat Brown of Frisco as atty. general. Los Angeles will come with similar recommendations. With the Democrats solid behind J.R., it looks like it will be labor solid also.

OUR KIDS LEARN—Only the bad things about organized labor. The N.A.M. is flooding schools with anti-union propaganda. Textbooks either ignore organized labor or sneer at it. That's what Irvin F. Kuenzli, secy.-treas. of AFL Amer-Fed. of Teachers told Frisco and L. A. Labor Councils in interesting talks last week.

APRIL 13th—That's the last day to register. Every Cal. AFL union is needling its members, their wives and friends to get the h... registered, if you aren't already. You're licked, brother, if you aren't a registered voter. The primary is more important than the general election in many ways.

CALIF. JOBLESS—A serious problem, and unions are moving to meet it. Shorter hours is the answer. L.A. Building Trades are asking a 35-hour week. Calif. metal trades driving for a seven-hour day, same pay. Machinists, Carpenters, others have adopted same goal, and no fooling.

THE UNIONS—Many of them are having state meetings in April. . . Bay Area Painters are voting on a boss offer of 12½ cents raise; ironing out wrinkles in their new hospital plan. . . Teamsters to organize wranglers; all unions pushing blood banks and shop cards. . . Culinary Workers will attend State LLPE convention even though international has withdrawn from U.S. LLPE. . . Musicians opened new hall in Sacramento; San Jose planning one. . . Bay Area Bakers going after a normal work week to replace on-call status; will strike if have to.

OAKLAND AFL—Engaged in a heroic fight against wealthy real estate boys trying to unseat pro-labor city councilmen. . . Also fighting giant food trust, Safeway, which has got injunctionitis, but Retail Clerks and Managers go right on picketing.

ALL ROADS LEAD to San Francisco on Sept. 4, 1950, for the biggest, most colorful Labor Day parade in California's 100 years. . . Thanks to pushing from labor, tired street car and bus riders will get benches to sit on—at the same time, the project will create a good many jobs.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, Bus. Agt., Leroy Haste, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley, Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. C. Fitch, Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lila Road, phone 5-4276; Sec., Roy Humbricht, 122 13th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., C. J. DeMent, Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674; Monterey Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

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PLASTERERS & CEMENT FINISHERS 337—Meets 1st Friday at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Ingram, Sec.-Treas., Dan Williams, Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, Office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Masuen, Carmel, phone 7-3536; Sec., Edward Weiner, 20 Via Encina, Monterey, phone 2-1310; Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone 2-3002. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 105 Irving, Monterey, phone 5-3019; Sec. and Bus. Agent, Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21255.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhouwer, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 2-3622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

Union or Non-Union

The record shows that union wages are invariably higher than non-union wages. Here is the dope.

In bakeries for every \$1.00 in the non-union pay envelope the union pay envelope contains \$1.28.

In laundries for every \$1.00 non-union pay the union man gets \$1.29.

In making women's blouses, for every \$1.00 non-union wages the union pay is \$1.30.

And so it goes! For every \$1.00 in the non-union pay envelope the union pay envelope contains: Brick and Tile, \$1.20; Soap, \$1.22; Work Clothing, \$1.22; Grain Milling, \$1.26; Fertilizer, \$1.27; Meatpacking, \$1.29; and Warehousing, \$1.29.

Union labor is the best support of the prosperity of the people.

—THE CAMPAIGNER.

U.S. exports of industrial machinery dropped from \$934 million in December 1949 to \$734 million in January 1950.

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MISS JET—Streamlined as she could possibly be, Gaby Andry has been named Miss Jet Propulsion by boys who fly those super-speed planes.

GM Profits Are Funny Socialism

"... Get the New York Times of March 14 and look on the front page... You will find that General Motors made the greatest net profit in 1948 it had ever made in its history, and in 1949 increased that profit 49 per cent in spite of the socialism that is reported... to be wrecking our government and ruining our industry."

"I submit that that is the darnedest, funniest kind of socialism that ever I have seen or heard of."

—Rep. George Christopher, (D., Mo.)

Find Child Labor

Washington.—About 150 children in eight Alabama counties were found picking cotton in violation of the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act during the 1949 cotton-picking season. Many of these boys and girls were returned to their classrooms as a result of a series of investigations by the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

Launch Southern Drive

Atlanta.—International Chemical Workers have launched a strong organizing campaign in the southern territory and have directed their campaign to the workers in miscellaneous chemical plants. Vice Presidents Walter L. Mitchell and Ed R. Moffett are in charge of the campaign, maintaining permanent offices in Atlanta and in Houston, Texas.

Favor Arbitration

Washington.—A recent survey by the U.S. Labor Dept. shows that over 80 per cent of the current labor-management agreements studied provide for the arbitration of differences. Ninety per cent of the agreements call for the arbitration of disputes under the contract.

Million Calif. AFL

San Francisco.—The California Federation of Labor has passed the million membership mark. It went over the top as the result of a recent election victory which brought 12,500 employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Some 13% of all corporations with annual incomes of \$50,000 and over get 90% of the total corporate income in the U.S.

Sub Scare Tips Coast Weaknesses

Mysterious submarines operating off the west coast in the past few days have brought the people of this coast, as well as the national defense brass, face to face with the fact that the coast is woefully and dangerously unprepared for any emergency, even the slightest.

This treasonable lack, which has been pointed to by AFL metal trades unions for the past four years in the steady decay of western shipyards, was most clearly pointed up by Raymond Lawrence, writing in the Oakland Tribune, when he revealed that it took some 14 hours to get enough men to man a destroyer to go out and hunt the submarines and it took calls to as far away as Seattle, right past the famed Alameda Naval Air station, to get planes to help in the search.

SEND MORE SHIPS

Meanwhile, the sub scare, needed the brass in D. C. to assign more ships to the Pacific as of now. It brought a scared look on the civilian countenance, from sunset beaches eastward to the Atlantic.

Mayor Elmer Robinson of San Francisco, in Washington for civilian defense matters, spoke up and said Frisco can become the world's biggest ghost town with submarine attack. He said all the dope he could get on defense was to be told to write for a 15 cent pamphlet from Washington.

Here are other developments of the past few days in the west coast defense picture:

1. Rep. Frank Havenner, heading a labor-management group, launched a drive from Washington to stop transfer of aircraft industries from the coast and abandonment of west coast shipyards.
2. Tom Rotell, secretary of the Coast Metal Trades Council, said strongest protest will be made against having a fleet of Liberty ships loaned to Japan decommissioned by Japanese crews in Puget Sound instead of by AFL metal trades workers.

3. The Navy announced it may junk three of its old battleships and a number of carriers to make room for more modern vessels, and Defense Secy. Louis Johnson is ready to approve a 300 million dollar a year modern shipbuilding program if the reduction is approved.

4. Bay Cities Metal Trades Council committee, headed by Joe Ziff, Tom Rotell and Mario Grossetti, reported that protests lodged with local and national Naval officials on plans to take transport repairs out of private shipyards have brought results. Employers joined in the protests.

The Navy had started its own repair base at Oakland Army Base docks in Oakland's outer harbor, but the protests resulted in change

of plans and letting out of new jobs to private bidders. Union representatives charged that use of Naval personnel would even further cut down on civilian shipyard workers and skills so essential in wartime but so dangerously neglected since the war by almost complete abandonment of all new shipbuilding and most ship repair work on the west coast.

7 Corporations Set All-Time Records

Seven giant corporations set all-time net profits records last year, and one had its best year since 1929.

The seven which made more money than ever before after paying all taxes and expenses are:

Bethlehem Steel.
The Borden Co.
Du Pont.
General Electric.
General Foods.
General Motors.
Westinghouse.

United States Steel Corp. made bigger earnings last year than in any year since '29.

Is that socialism?—(LLPE.)

South Temos Win

Chicago.—More than 30,000 truck drivers in 18 states will receive extensive welfare benefits in an agreement reached between the Southern Conference of Teamsters (AFL) and the Central States Drivers Council. The agreement, described as the largest and most comprehensive employer-financed welfare plan in the trucking industry, will provide health, accident, hospital, surgical and life insurance.

Vannevar Bush Says: 'Keep Machine Running'

"... the most important thing for us to do, to maintain our full strength and bring the world back to sanity, is to keep our industrial and economic health, keep the machine running at full blast without inflation or depression."—Dr. Vannevar Bush, "Modern Arms and Free Men" (Simon and Schuster).

Oil burner sales in 1949 were 39% higher than the 1948 figure.

Pat Brown Files for Attorney General



District Attorney Edmund G. (Pat) Brown of San Francisco is shown here with his family as he files his declaration of candidacy for Attorney General of California. Brown, a Democrat, filed on both the Republican and Democratic Party tickets, and pledges nonpartisan law enforcement, with emphasis on combating organized crime. Shown with Brown are his wife, Mrs. Bernice Brown, and their three children (left to right): Cynthia, 16, Kathleen, 4, and Jerry, 12.

Profits Prove U. S. Is at Peak, Pepper Tells Fla. Voters

Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) reminds voters of his state that today's newspapers are full of "proof that this country is better off economically than it has ever been." Pepper points to two articles in a single day's paper:

"One of these items says, 'The stock market weathered heavy profit-taking sales today and edged up to a new three-and-a-half-year high.' Another item shows that the United States Steel Corp. had the largest profit in 1949 since the boom days of 1929."

"These big corporation profits show conclusively that our program for farm price supports, minimum wage laws to protect the laborer and other policies designed to guarantee that our people are able to buy the goods industry produces has actually helped business."

"These policies have made and are making the United States a better and stronger country. I have supported these policies in the past and I will continue to do so."—(LLPE).

Subsidies

"... It is wrong for the farmer to accept a price support subsidy for producing the most essential product of all—food—and right for the manufacturer to accept the subsidy of a Government air mail contract—or the publisher to accept the subsidy of postage concessions?"—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Knox T. Hutchinson.

Union Chiseler

He is the guy who wants the union to get him a top salary, double time for Sundays and holidays, and time and one-half for overtime.

Then he wants cheaper dues, the officers don't know their job, he feels the business agent is overpaid.

Everything is wrong with the union but him. He likes to brag about being a good union man. He smokes scab cigarettes the union-made ones make his throat sore.

He buys most all his groceries in some non-union grocery, same with his meats. He doesn't know where they put a union label in a suit of clothes. Union-made shoes hurt his feet. He didn't know the hat workers had a union.

If he happens to be a bakery driver, he has to come down 30 minutes early and stay out an extra half hour. It's just impossible to do it any quicker. He's a good man for the company, but soon he's looking for another job.

But the bird that comes in and tells what a good union man he is and then buys all the flunk stuff, sends his uniform to a scab outfit, also his laundry, he is the worst of all.

Smoking Less?

Washington.—U. S. smokers used three and one-half billion more cigarettes in 1949 than in 1948 but there was a decrease of about one package of cigarettes per capita. The Dept. of Agriculture suggested that the demand for cigarettes may be leveling off after a series of record-breaking years.

Strike Boddy Paper?

Los Angeles.—Two months of barren and fruitless negotiations blossomed suddenly into pre-strike action by members of Local 69, American Newspaper Guild (CIO) employed at the tabloid Los Angeles Daily News. This is the paper of Manchester Boddy, senatorial candidate.

Big Union 'Yes' Vote

Detroit.—General Motors workers in the biggest NLRB union shop election on record voted YES 171,629; NO 21,950; CHALLENGED 5,774. Eligible to vote were 230,000.

AFL Wants Estate, Gift Taxes Revised

The American Federation of Labor believes all additional revenue which President Truman has requested to prevent an increased deficit resulting from reduced excise taxes can be realized by revising estate and gift tax legislation.

In a statement submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee, the AFL opposed the Taft-Byrd-George-Joe Martin program of creating Federal deficits by repealing revenue laws without reducing expenditures. It said:

"It ill becomes the groups which are perpetually clamoring for reduction of taxes on corporate income, elimination of taxes on dividends and/or more generous treatment of capital gains to oppose taxes on estate and gifts which would... prevent the concentration of economic power and wealth that are implicit in the type of legislation they support."

208,000 Salmon

Redding.—A crew of 14 Division of Fish and Game employees has set a new record by clipping the fins of 208,000 salmon in a three-week period.

The undertaking is part of a coastwide marking program which will record the growth and migration of three million salmon. Conservation agencies in Washington, Oregon and Canada are cooperating in the five-year project.

Young salmon netted in the Sacramento River between Redding and Red Bluff are being marked by clipping a section of the dorsal and left ventral fins. An additional 200,000 fish from the federal Coleman Hatchery will be clipped on the dorsal and right ventral fins.

Assistant Marine Biologist Richard J. Hallock, in charge of the project, reports that catch records of the marked fish will be a guide to the value of runs in various California salmon streams. Separate marking codes will be used in each coastal river system.

California fishermen may aid in the program by reporting marked salmon to the Division of Fish and Game, Ferry Building, San Francisco. Basic information needed is the size or length of fish, place and date of catch, and marking details.

Farm Products Get Half of Expenditures

How important is agriculture to America's economy?

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Knox T. Hutchinson points out that:

"Our farms supply the basic raw materials for industries that produce one-third of all our manufactured products."

"Roughly half the money the American people spend for commodities and services goes for products that originate on farms."

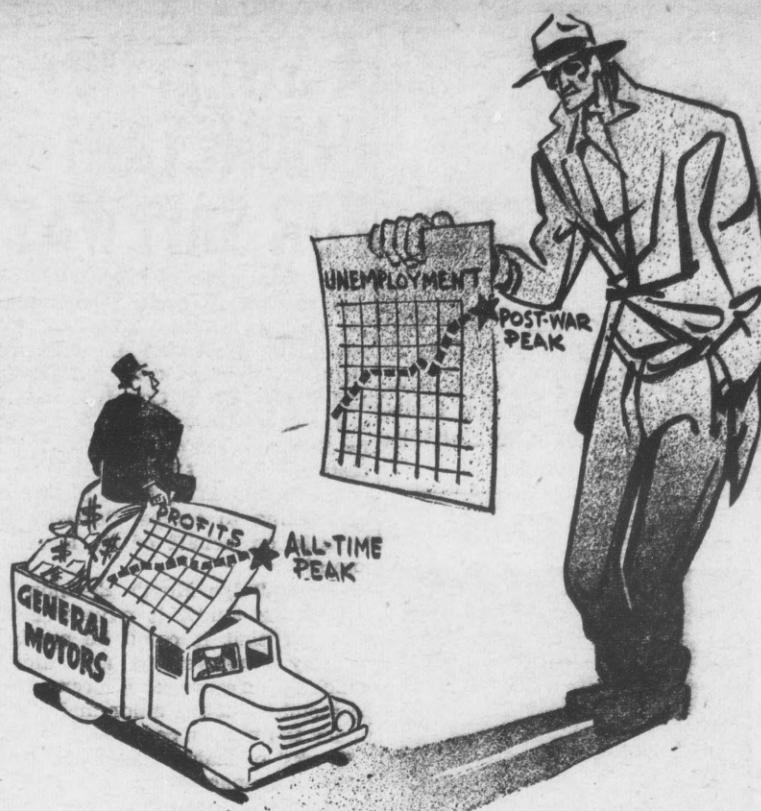
"And approximately two out of five working persons in the United States are employed either in agriculture—or in handling and selling agricultural products—or in producing and selling goods and services to farm people."

No Profit in Wages

New York.—Although over-all 1949 profits of 752 companies surveyed by the Wall Street Journal were down 7.8 per cent from the previous record-smashing year, many individual corporate giants pushed their take to new all-time peaks. Even that minor drop left 1949 profits 16.2 per cent higher than 1947 profits, which in turn were 48 per cent higher than those in 1946 when the big postwar gravy train ride got under way.

IBEW Pickets Show

Kansas City, Mo.—The Exposition of Electrical Progress opened in Municipal Auditorium here with all new electrical gadgets—and a picketline outside. The pickets were Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) members who charged some of the installation work had been done by non-union employees.



Cincinnati LLPE Maps 3-Point Plan

Labor's League for Political Education in Cincinnati has mapped out a three-point program for this year:

1. Register. The central LLPE office is checking rosters at the request of local unions to determine who is and who is not registered.

2. Educate. Read up on the facts and volunteer for LLPE work. The campaign this year will require not only active local union committees but countywide ward and precinct workers.

3. Contribute. Every man and woman who depends on wages for a livelihood should be willing, and is urged, to make a voluntary LLPE donation as an investment and as insurance against another 1929.

Welfare State

"... a vigorous widespread demand for the use of politics as a means of advancing the welfare of all the people is actually a guarantee that government will not be subverted to private, class or party benefit."—Robert H. Bremner, in The Survey.

Aid Chrysler Strike

Detroit.—A \$100,000 contribution to aid striking Chrysler workers has been received from the United Steelworkers, Sec.-Treas. Emil Mazey of the United Auto Workers (CIO) announced.

Joke Department: Said a lady, upon tasting her first glass of beer, "I declare, this tastes exactly like the medicine my husband has been taking for the past thirty years."

Taft and Journal Both Sound Silly

This week's silliest statement is contributed by Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) and the Wall Street Journal.

"Senator Taft says the evidence at hand seems to show that there is no price collusion in the steel industry, that instead there is competition," a Journal editorial states. "We agree with that."

Oh, come now. In many cities you can buy steel from one, and only one, company. When U. S. Steel raises its prices, so do the other companies. When U. S. Steel lowers its prices, so do the others.

But thanks anyway, Mr. Senator and Mr. Editor, for your contribution to the silliest-statement department.—(LLPE.)

Map AFL Drive

Washington.—The organizing staff of the AFL was summoned to a two-day conference here March 24-25 to map out plans for the AFL drive for a million new members in 1950, year of the Samuel Gompers centennial celebration.

Resume Talks

New York.—Contract negotiations have been resumed by the AFL National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Atlantic and Gulf Coast ship owners.

Polluted water may look safe, smell safe and taste delicious but still be as dangerous as a drink of poison.

Agricultural fairs in the U. S. were originated by Alkanath Watson of Albany, N. Y., in 1819.

Local Labor Market Bulletin

(State Dept. of Employment)

Summary—Total employment in the Salinas area continues at a higher level than that of a year ago. Responsible for this development is the heavy industrial construction at Moss Landing and the effect of more favorable weather upon agricultural employment.

Employment Trend—Employment opportunities remain scarce, which is usual for this period of the year. This situation, however, is expected to improve earlier than was the case in 1949. The first lettuce shipments should commence early in April, which will affect more than 3000 fresh vegetable packing workers and employees in allied industries. Employment activities unrelated to agriculture such as trade, service and government have shown less fluctuation than a year ago and, in the case of government, an expansion of employment.

Unemployment Trend—There are about 5800 unemployed persons at this time, approximately 40 per cent of whom are women. Primarily because of the volume of immigration from the Imperial Valley and Phoenix, the number of unemployed will increase progressively until lettuce packing starts. Average weekly claims for unemployment insurance were 4233 during February, a 14 per cent increase over the previous month and 343 greater than one year ago.

Labor Supply and Demand—There are surpluses of workers in all occupations except registered nurses and live-in domestics.

Job Opportunities—Workers in clerical and service occupations found that job opportunities were very limited last month, while workers in most other occupations found no job opportunities at all. The exception to this general scarcity were jobs for skilled workers in specialized heavy construction. Few of the hires made in February represented new job openings; generally they represented the replacement of normal turnover.

Kaintuck Laws

Frankfort, Ky.—Organized labor made very few gains at the 1950 session of the Kentucky Legislature, which adjourned March 18. One minor victory was the raising of unemployment benefits from a maximum of \$20 for 22 weeks to a top of \$24 for 24 weeks. The assembly also increased by \$500 the maximums payable for death and disability under the workmen's compensation law.

Drop Controls

London.—All postwar labor controls have now been dropped in Britain. The government has discontinued entirely the use of the power of direction. It had been applied almost exclusively to workers in coal mining and agriculture. For others, it had been used in only 29 cases out of 9,500,000 vacancies filled through the Ministry of Labor's Employment Exchanges. In the past 15 months not a single worker has been directed.

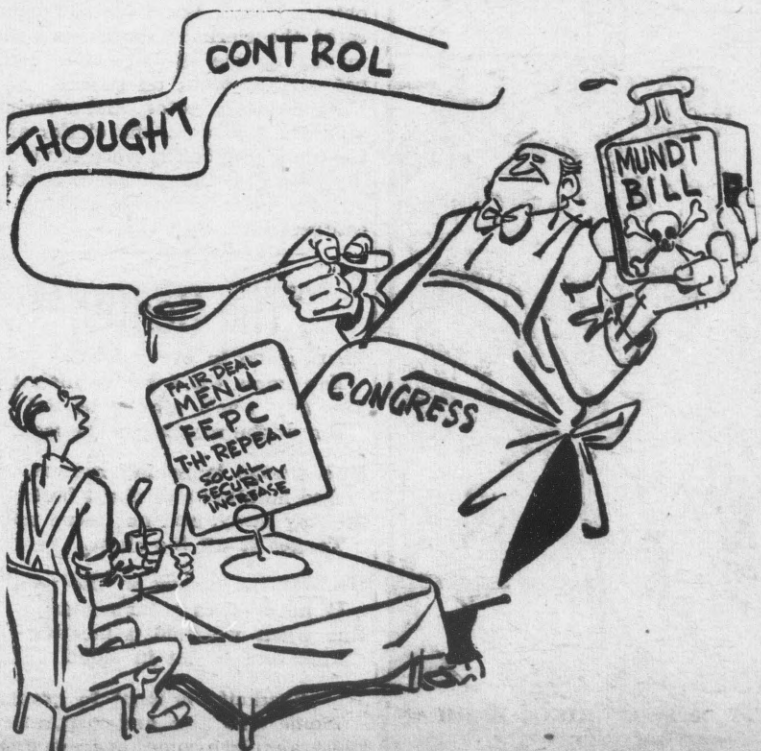
Free Union Loans

New York.—A loan fund of \$250,000 has been set up by electrical contractors for the benefit of 8,000 members of Local 3, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL). The money will be available—interest free—to aid workers desiring to buy automobiles or homes. Limited to \$500, the loans will be repaid by deductions from weekly pay envelopes.

Darling Denham

Washington.—Business and anti-labor spokesmen were lined up to fight to retain NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham in his post and to keep the independent general counsel's office within the NLRB structure, as set up by the Taft-Hartley law. Abolition of the job had been proposed to Congress the week before by President Truman.

Installment buying reached \$11 billion in 1949, more than \$2 billion above the 1948 figure.



Farmers Hit PG&E Boost

(State Fed. Release)

Farmers in northern and central California, from the Tehachapis to the Oregon border, will pay the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. \$1,258,000 more each year for their light and power as a result of the decision handed down by the California Public Utilities Commission on March 21, the California Farm Research Committee charged this week.

This blow comes at a time when farm income for the majority of growers has fallen to a subsistence or bankruptcy level, and when the water table has dropped to the point where deeper wells with heavier pumping charges threaten further economic disaster.

The research report charged that a 1947 survey made by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Santa Clara County Committee to cut power costs showed the unfair burden placed on agricultural consumers of electric power by the PG&E. It revealed that while farmers in the area consumed only 14 percent of the power distributed, they paid 20 percent of the local power bill.

The 6 percent increase, according to statements issued in the press following the decision of the PUC, will raise additional revenues for PG&E stockholders of \$8,766,000 annually, a little over 5 percent return on the company's investment.

Expenses included in PG&E's balance sheet, according to the Farm Research Committee, are high salaries and expense accounts for state and congressional lobbyists to influence legislation opposing appropriations for Central Valley Project transmission lines and power installations which would make low-cost power available to farmers, business and cities in the project service area.

Bakery Chief



Chicago.—William F. Schnitzler is the new president of the AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union. He succeeded AFL Vice-President Herman Winter, who retired as head of the bakery workers.

What's coconut milk? Real coconut milk is that which is pressed out from the ground or grated meat of the ripe nut after it has been steeped a short time in warm water.

A SWEEPING INJUNCTION FOR SAFEWAY

(State Clerks Release)

A menace to every labor union in California was seen in the sweeping injunction imposed on striking Safeway clerks in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The injunction, ordered last week by Superior Judge Ralph E. Hoyt, restrains Retail Clerks unions, Locals 870 and 1179, from picketing or striking to compel Safeway to bargain on behalf of its location managers.

While Judge Hoyt's decision is still under study, it gave rise to the fear that it could be applied by any employer to any union which requires working foremen to be members of the union and come under the union's contract.

Clerks' officials pointed out that location managers act as working foremen, since they perform some supervisory duties and, at the same time, do the work of a clerk.

Under the decision, it was pointed out, any union which insisted on union conditions for supervisory employees who perform its work would be subject to isimilar court action.

SCAB FOREMEN

Observers pointed out that, under the decision, any union's work could be performed by a non-union foreman under non-union conditions and the union probably could not strike or picket to compel him to be brought under the union's contract, probably could not accept his membership or bargain for him. Unions, for many years, have insisted that their contracts cover their jobs and that any person doing the work should come under the conditions of the contract.

The Safeway injunction, at first glance, at least, appears to upset that long-established practice—and makes it possible for employers to insist that foremen do any part and any amount of the work of the trade but without a corresponding right to the protection of the union contract.

At least one observer pointed out that the decision offered a pattern by which any employer could launch an "open-shop" drive and drive a substantial part of the union membership from under the union contracts.

Meantime, in the East Bay, striking Safeway managers formed an independent Retail Managers Association to continue their strike for contract protection.

RESUME PICKETING

The clerks, at the same time, resumed their picketing after they rejected a Safeway offer covering their jobs and announced their intention to continue their strike for a satisfactory agreement.

While Judge Hoyt had found, in his decision, that the managing clerks' question is the only issue, union officials disputed it, pointing out that the clerks had no contract and were striking to win one.

In San Francisco, officials of Local 648 indicated their belief that a similar injunction could not be obtained, since Local 648 had separated the clerks' dispute from the managing clerks' situation long before they went on strike.

By separate votes, and offering separate contracts, the clerks and the managing clerks were conducting separate, though simultaneous strikes. Each group is seeking a contract with Safeway.

"The Beefer"

There's one in every local—
You know the type we mean;
The guy who's always beefin'
But at the meeting never seen.

He's always launching rumors,
And he always thinks it best
To stay away, and not come up
To get it off his chest.

He puts the unions on the pan,
It never does what's right,
But when we hold a meeting
This bird is not in sight.

We all admit his right to grouse,
That's only just and fair,
But, the place is at the meeting,
So, bub, why not BE there?



STARVATION VICTIM—First to report the desperate plight of migrant workers at a camp near Phoenix, Ariz., was Albert McWhorter, being comforted by his wife and 4-year-old son as he lies in bed, a starvation victim. Food and medicine have been rushed to the area to aid sufferers, including 100 children.

Record Bay Home Building Program

Climaxing one of the greatest winter homebuilding seasons in its history, the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan area started 1910 new permanent non-farm dwelling units during February, M. D. Kossoris, director of the western region of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported here today. During the past three months, construction has begun on 7500 units—34 per cent above the

modest total for the same months in the previous year and 10 per cent higher than the previous peak for the season in late 1947 and early 1948.

The unusually large volume for this season of the year marks a continuation of the generally upward trend noted throughout the previous year. During 1948 homebuilders started more units than at any time since the mid-1920s. The year was also noteworthy because of the absence of the usual seasonal downturn. House construction advanced steadily throughout the year and, except for an unusually high volume in March because of a large apartment development, reached its peaks in November and December. In January, 1950, homebuilding tapered off slightly because of unusually heavy rains, but the February figure again advanced to the high levels reached in November and December.

PERMITS FOR 2041

Building permits issued during the month covered a total of 2041 units, only slightly below the high January figure and an indication that homebuilding would continue at a high level during the next few months. While declines in the number of units authorized were noted in San Mateo and San Francisco counties, these were almost completely offset by increases in Alameda, Marin and Solano counties. San Mateo county dropped 44 units for a total of 604 units authorized, but still led the other five counties. Alameda county was second with 496 units covered by permits, an increase of 23 over the January total. Contra Costa county authorized 428 units, only 3 short of the January figure. The largest drop was reported in San Francisco, where the total number of units authorized dropped to 285 from the 380 figure for January. Marin county permits issued covered 155 units, one of the largest totals for the county in recent months, and Solano county permit authorizations jumped to 73 units, an increase of 55 over the abnormally low January figure.

ONE-FAMILY HOMES

One-family homes continued to make up the bulk of homebuilding in the area, accounting for more than 80 per cent of all the units started. The average estimated construction cost of these units was \$9,100—about the same as that for the last four months, but considerably below that shown for early 1949. Kossoris pointed out,

however, that average costs vary from month to month with changes in the types of homes being built as well as with materials, prices, wages and changes in labor productivity.

Nationally, homebuilders started 80,000 new apartment non-farm dwelling units—the third consecutive month during which this rate has been achieved. This unexpectedly large volume of housing reflects assurance about costs, which are expected to change little this year, an uneasiness about credit after the expiration of the emergency mortgage provisions of the National Housing Act and usually favorable weather in many parts of the country.

Yearly totals, average cost were:		
Year	Number	Cost
1946	17290	\$ 7,500
1947	19470	7,900
1948	19910	10,000
1949	20220	9,400
1950, Jan.	1850	8,600
1950, Feb.	1910	8,800

High Pension Costs Change Chamber's Ideas on Security

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce now thinks all workers should be covered by social security. The benefits should be small, of course, but the Chamber wants everyone to get at least a little bit of social security.

The Chamber isn't turning suddenly liberal. It merely wants to get businessmen off the hook.

For years it has been against extending and expanding social security. Businessmen have been blind to the need for an adequate social security program.

In the meantime, many trades unionists have been getting pension and other security programs through collective bargaining. And employers are finding that such plans are costing them much more than a good social security program. Hence, the change in strategy.

But the Chamber of Commerce probably won't face up to the moral of this story:

You can't solve a problem by ignoring it.

—THE LEAGUE REPORTER.

HUMPTY DUMPTY

Egg prices are down 40% since last fall's peak.

Some of us lost the egg-eating habit when they were 90 cents and a dollar a dozen.

Some People Never Grow Up

Who said this—and about what?

"The movement is unreasonable . . . and no greater calamity could befall the industrial interests of the country than its success. It would drive out of business every manufacturer doing both government work and commercial work, and no manufacturer would risk disaster to his entire establishment by undertaking a government contract."

Answer: The National Association of Manufacturers, in predicting 46 years ago the awful consequences of the eight-hour day.

Some people never grow up.

Is there a better example of why workingmen and women should always be alert and support such groups as Labor's League for Political Education?—(LLPE).

